

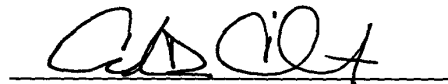
Remarks

Patent Application Ser. No. 09/525,976, as originally filed, included claims 1-15. Claims 16-69 were added by preliminary amendment prior to an action on the merits. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/163,137 added claims 16-45 to correspond to claims 28-30 and 43-69, which were withdrawn from consideration in Patent Application Ser. No. 09/525,976 as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Additionally claims 46-50 were added in an amendment of Patent Application Ser. No. 10/163,137. This preliminary amendment adds claims 51-74, which correspond to claims 16-25 and 32-45. These claims were withdrawn from consideration in Patent Application Ser. No. 10/163,137 as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Applicants believe the enclosed specification reflects all previous amendments to the specification during the prosecution of both the 10/163,137 and 09/525,976 patent applications. Additionally, paragraph numbers have been added to the specification.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 245-5389.

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